

STATEMENT OF SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW

Initially, Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner for conducting an interview with Applicant's representative, Dominic S. Lindauer, on December 18, 2007.

During the interview, Applicant's representative presented arguments distinguishing the claims from the cited references. In particular, Applicant's representative pointed out that this application discloses a method of taking the output of an existing stream cipher and strengthening it. Applicant's representative described how, for example, the stream cipher used as input by this application may be that provided by a method such as disclosed in the U.S. Patent 5,724,427 to Reeds, or other methods as disclosed in the specification of this application. None of the references cited teach or suggest "sequentially storing a plurality of results provided by a stream cipher output rule in a first, second, and third storage units; providing a plurality of results from a pairing function, the pairing function pairing individual values from the first and third storage units that are at least a threshold value apart; and upon reaching the threshold value of the output rule results, serially rotating contents of the first, second, and third storage units," (emphasis added) as presently recited in claim 1.

Applicant's representative understood the Examiner to tentatively agree that the claims as presented in this response are allowable over at least the art of record. Additionally, claims 31 and 38 are amended.

Claims 1-40 are believed to be allowable for at least the reasons discussed during the interview.